

*Physical Disabilities
Through the Lifespan*



Rehabilitation

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State of the Field

- Fragmented service delivery and payment systems
- Limited data on efficacy and effectiveness
- A variety of small-scale models and demonstration projects – Encouraging results
- Rapidly changing payment systems
- Limited communication between different levels of care, providers and patients



Problems/Concerns/Issues

- Payment systems discourage integration and experimentation
- Cultural biases against individuals with disability
- Lack of clinical research culture in rehabilitation
- Lack of knowledge of what individuals with disability want
- Sustainability and generalizability of models



Research Priorities

- Determine efficacy and effectiveness of interventions at all levels
- Determine adequate methods for determining the goals of patients
- Investigate the effects of payment systems on service delivery and access
- Develop new payment models to promote delivery of coordinated care
- Identify predictors of and barriers to employment